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SUBJECT: C-130 AIRCRAFT FBR SYRIA

REF: DAMASCUS 2225

1. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONTACT LOCKHEED TO CAUTION THAT SYRIA SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED TO REQUEST C-130 AIRCRAFT.

2. I CANNOT AVOID FEELING THAT VARIOUS LOCKHEED REPS WHO HAVE VISITED DAMASCUS OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS HAVE EITHER INITIATED QUESTION OF C-130 AVAILABILITY FOR SYRIAN AIR FORCE OR AT LEAST NOT SOUGHT TO DISCOURAGE WHATEVER EXPRESSION OF SYRIAN INTEREST THEY ENCOUNTERED. IT IS MY DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT DEPARTMENT NOT PRESENTLY PREPARED APPROVE C-130 OR ITS CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT FOR SALE TO SYRIA. IN LIGHT OF THIS ASSUMPTION, I THINK IT ONLY PRUDENT THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT LOCKHEED CORPORATION AT SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO TURN OFF SYRIAN INTEREST IN THIS AIRCRAFT BEFORE DAMASCUS HAS REACHED STAGE OF FORMAL APPLICATION.

3. REGIONAL LOCKHEED REP MOST RECENTLY SURFACED ISSUE OF C-130S PRIOR SECRETARY'S LAST VISIT TO DAMASCUS. REP SUBSEQUENTLY INQUIRED WHETHER TOPIC HAD COME UP IN
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CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SECRETARY AND SYRIANS. HIS EXPRESSION

OF SURPRISE SUGGESTED TO ME THAT LOCKHEED HAD AT LEAST DONE
NOTHING TO TURN SYRIANS AWAY FROM PURSUING THIS INTEREST.
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